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Title: ORDER-BASED HUMAN INTERACTIVE PROOFS (HIPS) AND AUTOMATIC DIFFICULTY RATING OF HIPS

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

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This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 9, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following four groups:

Group I – Claims 1-31, 65, 67, and 68 are drawn to an access control system facilitated with a system that verifies presence of human interaction classified in class 726, subclass 21;

Group II – Claims 32-64, 66, 69 and 70 are drawn to a monitoring system which monitors human responses to determine a level of difficulty, classified in class 726, subclass 22.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I – Claims 1-31, 65, 67, and 68 are drawn to an access control system facilitated with a system that verifies presence of human interaction classified in class 726, subclass 21 for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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